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BOB SCHIEFFER: More revelations tonight about Edward Howard, the fugitive former CIA man allegedly turned Soviet spy. It turns out his activities are causing a stir in the Soviet, as well as the American, intelligence community.

Phil Jones reports.

PHIL JONES: CBS News has been told that information provided to the Soviets by former CIA employee Edward Howard has resulted in the presumed execution of a high-ranking Russian official who was providing intelligence to the U.S. and that several other Soviet informants have not been heard from. Their safety is unknown.

Also today, in New Mexico federal court, the Justice Department charged in criminal complaint that Howard had admitted selling information to the Soviet KGB during a meeting in Austria in September, 1984. Included in the court documents was a letter Howard left behind at his home for his wife, Mary, which said "sell the house, jeep, etcetera, and move with one of our parents and be happy." Referring to his two year old son, Howard wrote "I'll think of him and you each day until I die."

Sources say Howard was being trained by the CIA for an assignment in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow when he was caught in a lie detector test, failing to disclose previous personal and financial matters. He was fired.

It was also disclosed today that Howard allegedly told two current CIA employees in 1984 that he had spent hours in the vicinity of the Soviet Embassy in Washington trying to decide whether to enter and disclose information. He claimed he didn't.

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Howard is the only known possible Soviet mole. But a second former CIA officer is also reported under suspicion.

CIA spokesmen reaffirm emphatically there is no reason to suspect any present CIA employee.